



OAMA Supports House Bill 4036

(As amended by -16 and -17 amendments)

OAMA supports HB 4036 (as amended**) for two key reasons:

1. Failure to remove the sunset on the 2015 aviation fuel tax increase will result in a major accumulation of safety and deferred maintenance issues.
2. By folding the ROAR program into the COAR program, our airports stand to leverage millions more in additional FAA grants to improve the safety and operations of Oregon's airports.

HB 4036 greatly enhances the safety, emergency preparedness and economic opportunities in Oregon's 97 public-use airports.

****OAMA, along with our partner organizations have agreed to support an amended version of HB 4036 that does not include the additional 2-cent per gallon tax increase. The Oregon Aviation Board convened stakeholders on January 10th in which stakeholders came to a consensus. Accordingly, OAMA SUPPORTS the consensus agreement which includes:**

1. *The -16 amendment which removes the additional 2-cent per gallon tax.*
2. *The -17 amendment which removes the priorities for the COAR program grant funding to allow for equal consideration of rural air service funding but allows the Aviation Board to establish priorities by rule.*

Thank you for your consideration,

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